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tune his game. He'll transfer to North Greenville Junior College this fall after spending a year in Coach "Bighouse" Gaines' program at Winston-Salem State and plans to be ready for sports and academics when he enrolls.

But there's another, less tangible reason for Edrington's desire to shoot hoops under the sky.

"It's more fun," he simply says.

As for the league's future after its modest start, Mrs. Britt plans to chart and implement its growth one careful step after another -- but she does daydream a little about what it might become in a few seasons, and even envisions a shelter over the courts and, ultimately a gymnasium at Rupert Bell Park someday.

But first things first. We have to start from somewhere," she says, "and this is a starting point."

Players interested in organizing league teams should contact Mrs. Britt at the Rupert Bell Recreation Center.

Kareem's Successor ?

Earl Jones, a 7-foot, 215-pound forward-center for the University of the District of Columbia, will shoot and rebound for the Los Angeles Lakers next year. Jones, who helped guide UDC to a national title in his sophomore year and the NCAA Division II finals as a junior, was drafted in the first round by the Lakers in the recent NBA draft.

'Harlem Globetrotters of Baseball' coming to Winston-Salem July 11

The Indianapolis Clowns, who will appear locally in a 7:30 p.m. game against the Winston-Salem Indians July 12 at Ernie Shore Field, are the last of the barnstorming clubs.

Now in their 55th year, the Clowns have not inappropriately been labelled the "Harlem Globetrotters of Baseball." They combine quality baseball and hilarious comedy to please crowds wherever they go.

The club originally was part of the old Negro Leagues but, as baseball became more organized and integrated, such teams were phased out of existence.

In 1968, the club integrated and continued to barnstorm the country, playing at sites ranging from Comiskey Park in Chicago to small towns like Pomonkey, Md. In the process, the Clowns have sent more than 45 players to the major leagues with their most famous alumnus being home run king Henry Aaron.

1984 is a year of firsts for the Clowns. This is, for instance, the first year of ownership for a trio of men from Corning, N.Y., that includes former Clown player Dave Clark, as well as Mark Anglehart and Sal Tombasco. The three form the first partnership ever to own the team and

also travel with the club.

Another first is the international flavor of the 1984 schedule. After an 11-week U.S. tour, the team has games booked in Sweden, Holland and England.

Previously, the team had never played abroad.

Still another first is the Clowns' working agreement with the New York Yankees. The limited deal gives the Yankees first option on all Clown players while at the same time allowing the Clowns independence in barnstorming, which they have always enjoyed.

The Clowns say they intend to provide quality family entertainment wherever they go. With this in mind, the team will conduct a youth baseball clinic two hours before game time.

The game itself will be a seven-inning affair of serious baseball as Clown players attempt to develop skills which will catch the eye of ever-present scouts and land a contract in organized baseball.

But the game also will be sprinkled with a generous portion of comedy as Clown mascots will roam the stands performing several routines. For good measure, the Clowns will perform the famed shadow ball routine that has become an Indianapolis Clowns trademark.

Twin City League surviving

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stronger. In the past, we had fewer sponsors, but most were larger companies that pledged full sponsorship. Now we have more sponsors, but they aren't big enough to give us the necessary funding to be self-sufficient."

Prior to the 1983 season, Ms. Gail Rynes brought together a small, cohesive group of parents to form the Twin City Little League Booster Club. Already the club has raised more than \$1,500 through various fundraising projects and helped ease some of the program's financial burdens.

One of the league's biggest strengths is the unity among its members.

"We are serious in promoting the program," says Mitchem, who coached in the league for 15 years before becoming player agent. "We have strong leadership in William Westbrook Sr. and there are five others that really keep

the program going. Roger Robinson, Joan Cloud Verna Simpson, Gail Rynes and Alexander 'Rock' Woods are the backbone of the Twin City Little League."

Founded in 1963, the Twin City Little League has weathered many storms to maintain its identity. Originally the league was established so that black youth (who were at that time barred from participation in the white, segregated leagues) would have a training ground in youth baseball.

Lester Ervin (now Winston-Salem's fire chief), Willie "Chico" Carter, Larry Williams, Wendell Brown, C.E.

Robinson all helped mold the program which, at that time, was called "Youth League Baseball."

It operated under that name until 1972, when it was chartered as the Twin City Little League.

New Tennessee State coaches named

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11th football game. But the Bulldogs say they'll keep looking. Meanwhile, here's their schedule for this season:

Sept. 1 -- at Furman, 1 p.m.; Sept. 8 -- vs. Delaware State at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.; Sept. 15 -- at North Carolina A&T, 1:30 p.m.; Sept. 22 -- vs. Howard University, 1:30 p.m.; Sept. 29 -- vs. Alcorn State, 1:30 p.m.; Oct. 6 -- at Johnson C. Smith, 1 p.m.; Oct. 13 -- vs. Morgan State (homecoming), 1:30 p.m.; Oct. 20 -- vs. Bethune-Cookman at Orlando, 1 p.m.; Nov. 10 -- vs. Grambling, 1:30 p.m.; Nov. 17 -- at Appalachian State, 1 p.m.

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ALBANY, Ga. -- Another team having scheduling problems is Albany State, which will play only nine games this year. That schedule:

Sept. 8 -- vs. Morehouse, 1:30 p.m.; Sept. 15 -- at Georgia Southwestern, time to be announced; Sept. 22 --

at Alabama A&M, 7:30 p.m.; Sept. 29 -- vs. Tuskegee, 1:30 p.m.; Oct. 13 -- vs. Knoxville, 1:30 p.m.; Oct. 27 -- vs. Clark College (homecoming), 1:30 p.m.; Nov. 3 -- at Morris Brown, 2 p.m.; Nov. 10 -- vs. Savannah State, 7:30 p.m.; Nov. 17 -- at Fort Valley State, 1:30 p.m.

This And That

ORLANDO, Fla. -- Other black college tidbits: Florida A&M's Alvin Hollins is among those who have been contacted about filling the vacant sports information director job at Grambling...

The Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, in an attempt to spruce up its image, plans to distribute a media guide this year...

Some were surprised Florida A&M's Ruby Hubbard wasn't interviewed for the head football job at the University of Miami. Hubbard is still considered hot property.



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